

In re Application of: Carlos VONDERWALDE et al.
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Examiner: Melanie Ruano TYSON
Group Art Unit: 3773
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 66-70, 75 and 76 are pending in this application. Claims 66-70, 75 and 76 have been allowed. Claims 66-68 have been objected to. By this amendment, claims 66 and 67 have been amended in line with the Examiner's suggestions.

Amendments to the Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner has noted that the specification fails to list all of the continuation data. Applicants hereby amend the specification substantially in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Amendments to the Claims

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that some of the claims contain typographical errors or include unclear language.

Claim 66

Applicants have amended claim 66 in accordance with the suggestions of the Examiner. In line 13 the term "*said wire loop*" has been amended to read "*said bent wire loop*". In lines 16-17 the phrase "*a said part of an end of said first ring-shaped wall section folded over said first cover end is a maxima of an undulation of said wire loop*" has been replaced with the phrase "*a portion of one of said bendable cover connectors folded over said first cover end is a maxima of an undulation of said bent wire loop*".

Claim 67

Applicants have amended claim 67 in accordance with the suggestions of the Examiner. In line 5 the term "one of said bendable cover connector" has been amended to read "one of said bendable cover connectors". In line 7 the term "*wherein said wire loop*" has been amended to read "*said bent wire loop*". In lines 16-17 the phrase "*a said part of an end of said second ring-shaped wall section folded over said second cover end is a maxima of an undulation of said wire loop*" has been replaced with the phrase "*a portion of one of said*

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bendable cover connectors folded over said second cover end is a maxima of an undulation of said bent wire loop".

Claim 68

With regards to claim 68, on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has stated that it is unclear how the stent cover is in contact with an inner surface of the stent body. Applicants believe that claim 68 is clear to a person having ordinary skill in the art and respectfully notes that how the stent cover covers an inner surface (as in embodiments related to claim 68) is described in detail in U.S. Patent No. 6,699,277 of which the instant application is a continuation (see column 2 lines 38-59 and especially lines 47-50 and 57-59 thereof).

In the event that the above explanation is insufficient, Applicants authorize the Examiner to cancel claim 68 by Examiner's amendment but preferably request to be given the opportunity to insert a Figure illustrating the above.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned of her decision.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 66-70, 75 and 76. Applicants respectfully urge that claims 66-70, 75 and 76 are now in allowable condition, and respectfully request that an early Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,



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